

Application No. 10/720,582

Reply to Office Action

*AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION*

Replace paragraph [0016] with:

**[0016]** The oxidant stream can be preheated to any suitable temperature. Typically, the oxidant stream is heated to a temperature such that, when mixed with the oxidant fuel stream, the resulting mixture can be readily combusted. In other embodiments, the oxidant stream can be heated to a temperature such that the fuel stream immediately combusts when mixed with the oxidant stream.